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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (2) and (3) are enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,466,329
- (2) JP 2001-358863
- (3) JP 10-285378

English language abstracts accompany each of documents (2) and (3). Documents (2) and (3) are also discussed in the specification of the subject application and may be deemed relevant for the reasons given therein. In addition, it is noted that document (1) is an English-language counterpart for document (3). The concise explanation of relevance for non-English documents (2) and (3) is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts, the discussion provided in the specification, and the English language counterpart. See MPEP 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

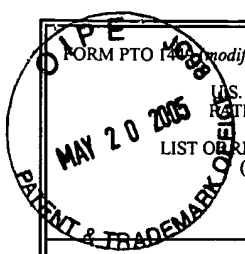
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Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	<b>6,466,329</b>	<b>10/2002</b>	<b>Mukai</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>1.15</b>	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
<b>2001-358863</b>	<b>12/2001</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
<b>10-285378</b>	<b>10/1998</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

**OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**


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